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I resent that the government feels a need to defend me as if I am unable to choose software that is most useful for me. I do not think that the government has any right to choose what software should or should not be installed on my computer. I use Microsoft's products and I choose to use their products not because they are installed on my computer but because they are beneficial products. These products enable me to easily transfer information from one program (i.e Word, Excel) to another (i.e. PowerPoint, Access) without having to convert information, which makes me more efficient both at home and at work. Microsoft's programs are also compatible with my Palm, which is easy for me to take information from my calendar at work and my calendar at home to sync them up. Please note, I have decided to use the Palm operating system, not Microsoft CE. In no way has Microsoft ever made me use their products. I cannot believe that Microsoft, a successful business, and its products (Microsoft Office Suite among others) are a threat to anyone.

Please remember that this complaint stems from Microsoft's unsuccessful competitors not the the individuals who use the products. Unsuccessful businesses must not be allowed to set the rules for the markets in which they failed. Continued application of the antitrust laws against successful businessmen like Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates can only lead to corruption and economic disaster as shown in many other countries.

I believe the United States should embrace success not throttle it. The United States should also be a place where anyone who works hard and exhibits intelligent decision making has the freedom to become a self-made person, just like Bill Gates is. This is the United States that would make me proud to be an American.

Lastly, and most importantly, Microsoft has a fundamental right to its property. It is the government's job is to protect this right, not to take it away. With this in mind, please consider all of these points in your decision regarding Microsoft. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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